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- (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0105507 A1 entitled "Vehicle display device for simultaneously displaying one or more video programs on separate displays" and filed by Tranchina et al., and published August 8, 2002.

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Applicant respectfully request that the prior art reference submitted herewith be considered in the substantive examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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